THE SIXTH DAY.

23rd February 1918.

The Assembly met at 11-45 A. M. on Saturday, the 23rd February 1918.

82. Means of communication in the eastern pakuthies of the Thiruvella taluk.

Mr. N. Narayana Panikkar (Member, Thiruvalla Taluk) requested the following works to be executed :—

(1) Cherukolepuzha–Poovanakkadavu road.—From 1077 lands had been acquired only for a distance of three miles and the people had finished the earth-work. No attempts had been made to complete the acquisition of lands. Early completion of the work was urged.

(2) Ezhumattur-Manimala road.—It was announced at the Assembly session of 1089 that the above road had been sanctioned by Government. Of the whole length, about 5½ miles had been done by the people. The rest was also being executed by them. But the difficulty was that two bits of the track covering a distance of 2½ miles were full of cocoanut trees and the owners were too poor to abandon those cocoanut gardens. The Member, therefore, requested that those bits be acquired.

(3) Kozhencheri–Mylapra road.—The necessary plans had been ordered to be prepared. The Member prayed that the work might be arranged to be taken up when the people were ready to help and co-operate in the matter.

The Member also urged that the following roads be constituted into a section for purposes of P. W. D. administration:—

I. Roads newly cut.

(1) From Thondarakadavu to Otharayar.

(2) From Krishnan Nair Road to Thundikadavu.

The people were ready to complete the roads and hand them over to Government, if the latter would acquire a small intervening bit and place it at their disposal.

II. Village roads.

(1) Chengannur-Kozhencheri road.
(2) Thondara-Vallamkulam road.
(3) Mallappalli-Manimala road.
(4) Pullattu-Ranni road.
(5) Kaviyur-Mallappalli road.

The first two did not require any heavy expenditure of money but they stood in danger of being encroached upon by the people. The people had put up the necessary culverts in the last three lines of roads, but there was a portion to be acquired which should be done by Government.

Dewan's reply.—A sum of over Rs. 7,000 has already been spent for acquisition of lands for the first road mentioned by the Member. The Peishkar has been asked to negotiate with the ryots in regard to the acquisition of further lands. The other matters will be referred to the Chief Engineer for report.

83. Restoration of the Vellanjili canal and the construction of a road along one of its banks to connect Karumadi with the main road to Alleppey.

Mr. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Ambalapuzha Taluk) requested that the people might be given means of communication between Karumadi and the taluk and other offices situated at the beach. His suggestion was that the *thodu* to the

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